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Local Flatters.

Societies Occupying the Mercury Hall.

BUREAU COUNCIL, No. 3, People's Favorite Order, William Allen, Councillor; Gen. F. Daniels, Recording Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Monday evenings in each month.

CODINGTON COMMANDERY No. 79, Peoples Five Year Benefit Order, John J. Peckham, Commander; David Stevens, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Monday evenings in each month.

MALMSEY LODGE, No. 33, N. E. O. P., John J. Peckham, Warden; James H. Godard, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings in each month.

NEWTON COUNCIL, No. 63, American Patriotic Circle, James H. Constock, Commander; Gen. A. Pritchard, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Thursday evenings in each month.

HORNBOOK LODGE, No. 11, K. P. A. A. Stacy, Chancellor; Commander; Daniel P. Rich, Keeper of Records and Seals; meets every Friday evening.

Natural History Society.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., in their new hall or museum. There were reports by the president, curator and treasurer. Dr. Storer, as President, gave an elaborate and valuable address, bearing not only on the Society's progress and prospects, but on the eliminative and mental characteristics of the community in which it existed.

The new building and its equipments have cost \$1,901, and at least \$500 more will be needed to perfect cases and cabinets for the various collections contemplated. But a good beginning has been made, and it is to be hoped some of the wealthy residents or visitors in summer, will aid in perfecting an institution so well begun. The curator's report contained admirable suggestions and facts for the scientific arrangement of the collections. Care must be taken to avoid the reception in the Museum of good-for-nothing curiosities and old gatherings of no scientific or educational value. A motion was submitted, and will be voted upon at a subsequent meeting, rendering all public school teachers of Newport eligible as members on application, at the fee of \$1 a year, instead of the ordinary subscription which is \$3. This is a step in the right direction. Our school teachers are not Grecians in wealth, and never can be, so the modification in their favor, is thoughtfully and kindly meant.

Both for themselves and the young people under their charge, the Museum will, probably, prove a most agreeable place of resort on Saturdays, on which day the council of management contemplate opening it for the special use of teachers and pupils. The officers and council elected for the ensuing twelve months are as follows:

President—Dr. H. B. Storer.
Vice-President—Dr. W. C. Rives, Mr. J. E. Roy King, and Captain Coton.
Trustees—Prof. Pumplin, Colonel J. H. Peckham, and L. D. Davis.
Treasurer—Dr. Rankin.
Curator—Professor C. E. Taylor, and other members of council, Charles Hammett, Jr., G. G. King, J. M. K. Southwick, Amos Parmenter.

At a largely attended meeting of the Newport Horticultural Society Wednesday evening, Col. A. K. McMahon was unanimously elected president, vice Mr. Michael Butler resigned, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Four new members were voted in, and the society pronounced in a flourishing condition.

Messrs. Arnold Greene and F. J. Galvin have entered suit against the Newport street railroad, in the name of George W. Harmon and Belle Harmon, his wife, for injuries claimed to have been sustained by the latter in the Beach road accident last year.

The Supreme Lodge of the New England Order of Protection will hold its annual session in Boston next Tuesday. Newport will be represented by Supreme Representative John J. Peckham.

Weenat Shassitt Tribe No. 6, L. O. R. M., will entertain the Great Sachem and other great chiefs of the Great Council of Rhode Island at its wigwam in this city next Wednesday.

We give on the 5th page of this week's MERCURY a list of all the persons and corporations in Newport taxed for \$20,000 and upwards.

Engineer Marshall T. Chevers, of revenue cutter Dexter, was mustered into Gen. G. K. Warren Post, G. A. R., at Tuesday evening meeting.

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Mr. A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Dr. H. B. Storer the Hunter house, 53 called, on Washington street, to Mrs. Ezra B. Weston, of New York, for the season.

Concepcion Arthur B. Gladning is confined to his home on the Point by serious illness. His trouble came on very suddenly Thursday morning and he was several hours before he could get relief, leaving him quite weak.

Mr. Geo. F. Tyler and family, of Philadelphia, are at their cottage on Bellevue court.

The Sewer Break.

Newport's main sewer outlet, the stability of which has long been questioned by our Point friends and others, received a bad break Tuesday afternoon, necessitating the rebuilding of at least 300 feet along Briggs' wharf, noon with appropriate ceremonies. At 5 o'clock, the accident occurred about 4:30 o'clock, during the heavy gales with a few prominent citizens, rain fall, but, as subsequent examination show, it was not the result of the storm.

The sewer, from the foot of March street, to its mouth, a distance of 100 feet, is built on piles, and, with a 21 feet wall, forms the south line of the wharf. These piles for the first 100 feet are in two rows, eight feet from centre to centre, but for the remaining 200 feet they are more numerous, being in three rows and at the mouth of the sewer only three feet apart. The break extends from the point where the pile foundation begins and extends to within about 100 feet of the mouth, where the piles are only three feet apart, and shows conclusively to have been caused by the settling of the weaker foundation. The first 100 feet of the break, under which was the lesser number of piles, is complete, the sewer having split directly through the centre and the south half having tipped over into the dock. A

had cracked through the crown of the sewer extends 200 feet further toward the mouth, leaving only about 100 feet at the extreme end that is intact.

This necessitates the condemning of three hundred feet of this sewer, and a special meeting of the city council has been called for tonight to consider a means of replacing it. It is probable that Street Commissioner Cotton will recommend rebuilding the broken section on a solid foundation laid nearer the centre of the wharf, the space necessary for work being protected by a cofferdam and lighted by electric lights so that labor can be prosecuted day and night. He is of the opinion that the work could be completed within six weeks and at a cost not exceeding \$10,000.

Death of Samuel Carr.

Mr. Samuel Carr died at his residence on Broadway and Bay View avenue Wednesday evening aged 76 years. He had been in poor health for a long time but was confined to the house only a few days. He was engaged in the ferry business between this city and Jamestown, for many years, until the advent of steam, when he retired from active labor. He was for many years a director in the National Exchange Bank, and upon the death of Mr. J. C. Brannan he was unanimously chosen its president, which position he held at his death. A man of strong business principles, honorable and upright in all his dealings, he possessed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. A widow, two daughters and one son survive him.

Dedication of Soldiers and Sailors' Monument.

The following organizations have already accepted the invitation to be present and take part in the dedication ceremonies on Friday, May 23d. Prescott Post No. 1, Providence; Burnside No. 2, Shannock, Sedgwick No. 7, Pawtucket, Tower No. 17, Pawtucket, Gen. G. K. Warren, No. 21, Newport. The troops at Fort Adams, and the Light Battery, the boys of the training fleet, and the Newport Artillery Company.

At the annual meeting of the corporation of the Newport Home for Friendless Children, held Tuesday, the old board of managers and advisory committees were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. Mr. Van Horne will preach the annual sermon to the members of Newport Tabernacle, No. 3, Order of Galilean Fishermen, at the Union Congregational church, Division street, tomorrow evening.

The Craftmen's Club held its second annual meeting on Wednesday evening, and re-elected the old board of officers. The club is now in a very flourishing condition, and one of the solid institutions of Newport.

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The High School Flag Raising.

The new and handsome flag recently given Rogers High School by Miss Elizabeth H. Swinburne, one of the early graduates of the school, was thrown to the breeze Monday afternoon, necessitating the rebuffing of the pupils of the school, to

begin the flag raising ceremony. At 1 o'clock the pupils of the school, together with a few prominent citizens, gathered in the large junior room of the Rogers building. Mr. Frank E. Thompson, headmaster of the school, presided and opened the exercises with a few appropriate remarks. He expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Superintendent Fay and of Miss Swinburne, the generous donor of the beautiful flag, and read the letter, making the gift. Patriotic addresses were also made by Mr. L. D. Davis, Mayor Goggeshall, Rev. M. Van Horne and Prof. F. W. Tilson. The exercises included the singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," by the school, Mrs. Cowin presiding at the piano, and Rev. Dr. Thayer made a prayer and pronounced the benediction, after which the company repaired to the street where they cheered the new flag as it was drawn to the top of the staff.

Woman's Exchange Benefit.

The Woman's Exchange of Providence appealed at Masonic Hall Tuesday evening in the second annual benefit to the Woman's Exchange of this city. The entertainment included two pieces by this popular club, the first, a comedy entitled "Second Thoughts," and the second, a historical drama called "The Merchant of Venice." The report of the committee on Ordinances was read and received and on its recommendation a resolution was passed directing the transfer of certain shares of stock held in trust under the will of the late Ellen Townsend.

The report of the committee on Streets and Highways was presented by Chairman Pike and on its recommendation the sewer in Cranston street was ordered extended fifty feet at a cost not to exceed \$50, and the Providence Telephone Company was given leave to withdraw its petition for permission to erect and maintain poles and wires in Marlboro street and West Broadway, and in Young, Bowery and East Bowery streets.

The report of the committee on Ordinances was read and received and on its recommendation an ordinance relative to contagious diseases and the burial of persons having died from such diseases was passed. In regard to the request from the Highway committee for an ordinance making nine hours a work day, the committee reported that the city solicitor had objected to an ordinance, stating that a resolution would be all sufficient. No resolution accompanied the report, but subsequently one was introduced by Councilman McCormick, making the work-day nine hours, and it passed both bodies.

The report of the committee on Fire Department was read and received and on its recommendation 1000 feet of rubber-lined linen hose was ordered at a cost not to exceed \$80, and eight men were permanently hired at \$50 per month to take care of the department houses, drive them on street sprinkling carts and do such other work in addition to regular fire duty, as might be required of them either by the fire department or by the highway department.

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The joint special committee on new City Hall presented through its chairman, Councilman Scott, a carefully prepared report, recommending the Shadfield and the Rousmaniere estates, at the head of Washington square, as the site. Accompanying the report was a resolution drawn by the city solicitor, submitting to the taxpayers a proposition to purchase the site recommended and erect thereon a city hall, the total expense not to exceed \$200,000, but this was tabled in the common council for one month to give an opportunity for a public hearing.

The reports of the tax assessors and of the street commissioner were read and received, and on recommendation of the former several poll taxes of \$1, erroneously assessed, were ordered refunded.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting the distribution of hand bills, circulars, programmes, advertising slips or documents upon any street, public place, school premises, park or sidewalk in the city.

The following resolutions were read and passed: Authorizing the rental for one year, at an expense not exceeding \$20, of a suitable room for an office for the collector of taxes; authorizing the committee on public property to provide a playground for games and athletic sports; authorizing the employment of clerical assistance in the office of the court of probate, at an expense not exceeding \$40 in any one year; authorizing the payment of \$5 each to the wardens, clerks and supervisors of elections, an extra compensation for their services on the occasion of the recent state election; making an additional appropriation of \$3,000 for public schools, to be devoted to the maintenance of the Industrial School provided for in the recent vote of the taxpayers of the city, and directing the special committee on a new city hall to arrange for a public meeting for the consideration of the question to be held before the next regular meeting of the council.

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CITY COUNCIL.

Beginning Tuesday Evening—A Long Session and Much Important Work—The City Hall Question to Have a Public Hearing—The Horses and Fire Men to Work on the Streets—Newport Becomes a Nine Hour City—Routine Business.

The regular meeting of the City Council for May was held Tuesday evening, his honor, the Mayor, presiding in the board of Aldermen and Mr. President Hammatt in the common council. Mr. President Burdick of the board of Finance committee, which was received, and on its recommendation the following bills were ordered paid from the

Chamber of Aldermen a number of carriag and drivers' licenses were granted, also several tavern, eating house and fire works licenses, and the following money were drawn for the May session of the Court of Common Pleas:

Total.....\$25,553.51

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Petit—John Irby, Freghorn S. Waite, Stephen A. Burdick, John F. Scott, A. L. Leavitt.

By sudden death were scattered out of this world young men, two boys and twelve ladies.

Who had promised to go, the day before To take a sail far from Jamestown shore.

III.

As drops the lily on the verdant plain,

Its beauty withers, and its sweets decay,

Death by sickness, or by accident, or by strife,

Or by the hand of Heaven, or by the hand of man.

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Poetry.**Neglected Graves.**

BY COL. G. DOUGLAS BREWSTER.

Half way up the white hill
Stands the old man's wretched pile;
"Fool's Acre" now with nettles rife;
The prudging girl to death from life;
Rough with root and puny pine,
Choked with briars and thorny vine,
Lies dead and rocky, bleak and bare.
A blight upon the landscape fair.
Though gardens grow the lower lands,
Yet where God's sweet harvest stands,
Hijo Jui the reaper on that day,
When the leaves were dead and gray,
The rustic laves had doffed the mold,
Where tolls still sunburned found.
Trusting to sunshine and to rain,
The seed faith sown, to rise again,
Till moss and mould obliterate,
Till the winds with hopeless wail,
When the sounding breakers vain,
Who then to trust, nor lasting calm,
Or night winds sigh no ill or fear,
Monitored for a time in mortal weep,
For aye to leave them hands to sleep,
Mised where some known old homestead
stands.

Friends who till its neighboring lands,
A hand less in their field,
A sickle to win their yield,
A scythe to reap their grain to fill,
A scythe to mow and cover still,
A face to frown with fleeting years,
A nature long unlinked with tears,
A misty shape they scarce recall,
A broken shadow on the wall.
Come let us tread its unknown ways,
And read its tales of other days;
The gate hangs broken on its hinge,
The ruined walls are all the while,
The trees unstrangled still the briske,
Shield bright eyed food and gather smoke,
In vain those grave words would keep
Sons record of souls that sleep.
Written on stones half sunken words
By fog and rain and winter storms,
Griefs and miseries and pain,
Or scripture texts that shield no saint,
Living with pious trust to smooth,
The record of the rough and rude,
The evil of whose years are spent,
Finds longer life than man can find,
And with their sons those sorry laid
Such refuge in oblivion's mound.

Here lies the generation there the rest,
This tall shaft marks where aforesaid rest,
Whose shafts would surely mourn the cost
That tells the world how much it lost,
When the old links who plucked to save,
Found rest from boarding the grave.

And there like some poor ill-fated flower,
A maiden makes her final bower,
The beauty of the country site,
Loving and gentle, and most sweet,
Her soul cast aside by loveless feet;
And slept no longer at her feet,
Her tears were wept for heaven alone,
Yet wasting slowly day by day,
Her soul cast aside by loveless feet,
Her tears were wept for heaven alone,
To mingle with his native stars,
Leaving a cockle shell and wreath,
Stamped by that gale that snuffs long—
A lock of hair, a broken ring,
Some written words that used to sing,
She wrote them take and say away—
They rest beside her torn tomb.

And here a lone and gaunt sleep,
Faded and worn, the bones keen,
Of one who died by iron rules,
Regarded nith as food for fuel,
Found in life's harvest dead no fruit,
But bore some cancer at her root,
Being no sunshine in the sky,
No green of verdure in the corn,
No music in the wildbird's song,
But hardened daily in her frost,
Regarding all mankind as lost,
Save those who trod his narrow road,
And made life a galling leet.

There lay near this mother's rest,
A woman, born to man's keeping,
The light of all their brighter years,
Whose sons grow gray, recall the time
When mother's face seemed most pale,
'Till manhood yearns her suite to see,
And eradicates more on her knee.

How sweet now the goddess sleep,
Who once bred sorrow soft and deep,
Whose even tongue with malice winged,
Whose harmless looks were all the need,
Whose smile had thine rarest spell,
Stirred the sunbeams friend from friend,
What depths of envy, love and hate,
Beneath this soil their abode await.

It is not well. We too shall sleep
And combs young years forget to keep
The memories we hold so dear,
The things we love, or hate or fear,
The winter frost and summer sun,
Shall we not all still all sleep,
And but a spark remain may tell
Of him who by life's way-side fell.

Selected Tale.**OLD PEMBERTON'S GIRL.****A THANKSGIVING MYSTERY.**

It was the night before Thanksgiving, and a bare-headed boy rode at break-neck speed down the main street of a certain western village, and drew up in front of the post-office, where was always to be found at that hour a crowd of loafers.

"Patty Pemberton has drowned herself!" cried the boy.

He was surrounded in an instant.

"Where?" vociferated twenty voices at once.

"In the water, of course! D'ye suppose she do it in a ploughed field?"

"Can't they resuscitate her?" put in a young doctor with gold spectacles.

"They'll wait till they find her first."

"Old!" said the crowd in perfect unison; and the boy, having delivered his message, rode back, leaving the entire population of the village to follow at its leisure, which proved the greatest inmate.

Everyone knew "old Pemberton's girl." She was a wild, romping creature, and full of tom-boy tricks, although there was nothing particularly "bad" about her. She could break a colt and take a pie to perfection, which her sister Molly, just home from school, could not do; though when it came to botany and the languages, she left Patty "far in the shade," as Patty herself expressed it.

It was a queer freak for "old Pemberton's girl" to drown herself. She seemed to enjoy life, had no real lovers that any one knew of, and was the last person capable of committing such a deed, —to the people's notions.

The Pemberton farm was the largest in the neighborhood. A part of it was very well ground. A deep stream flowed through this particular portion, and in some places its course was marked by chasms whose walls were rough and lofty. It was argued by the excited populace, as it swarmed out to the Pemberton homestead, which was within sight of the village, that Patty must have fallen into the creek, for the idea of suicide could not be entertained.

It was soon learned that the body had not been found. The stream had been searched, and the whole neighborhood was still at the task; but at last reports Patty was still missing.

"They found her bonnet near the Deep Hole," said Frost, the young doctor in the gold spectacles. "She went into the woods to look for table-flowers for tomorrow. Mr. Phillips, my daughter Molly's city friend, is to be with us, and Patty thought to make things sort o' cheerful for him. I believe you've met Mr. Phillips?"

The doctor thought he had; yes, he remembered an introduction by Miss Molly. Mr. Phillips was a nice young gentleman. He (the doctor) was not mistaken, he was a person well known in the city.

"One of the rising business men of N. Y.," added Frost. "He was afraid he couldn't be with us to-morrow, as his uncle, from whom he will inherit a comfortable fortune, is very low; but Molly heard from him this morning to the effect that he was and surprised them all by getting

better. Now poor Patty has cast a cloud over our Thanksgiving, and just too, when Mr. Phillips needs rest!"

The doctor hoped that everything would yet "turn out for the best," and then joined the hunters along the creek.

"Just as you say" was the answer, spoken almost mechanically.

The two went down to the water by a dangerous path. Here and there they were compelled to cling to the sharp-cutting edges of the rocks to accomplish their object, and once Phillips, who was ahead, almost lost his footing. He could not help thinking how easy it would be for Zeke to send him headlong to the bottom of the gorge by a slight push, for he had come to look upon his companion as one not rightly balanced in some things. Was Zeke in love with Patty, and did he think that his right search for her means more than the mere restoration of her to her parents? Once Phillips thought of stopping midway between cliff and current and tell him the truth; but he sealed his lips and kept on.

At the foot of the wall Zeke explained his theory. It was that Patty had fallen, not thrown herself into the water, and that the current had carried her far from the fatal spot, and left her one of the many caverns which abounded along the stream.

Zeke's plan was to search several of these caverns, one in particular. He said it could be reached by following the water into it.

"But," he added, looking half contemptuously at Phillips's city garments, "it'll ruinate store clothes like yours!"

"Never mind my clothes. I want to find Miss Phillips. Come on!"

Zeke led the merchant to the entrance to the cavern which he proposed to explore. The water was rushing in with a steady roar, and in a manner terrible enough to deter the stoutest heart.

"It's not hard to do if you know how," smiled Zeke. "Watch me and follow 'you dare!'"

There was a subtle sting in the last words, and Phillips detected it.

The following moment the youth sprang into the current and was whisked out of sight in an instant.

Phillips followed. For a little while the merchant found himself in a flood of boiling waters, and then he emerged therefrom in a dark place, and upon wet, slippery ground.

"What'd I tell you?" said Zeke, which he recognized as young Zebulon's, and then he felt a grip on his arm.

Zeke took from a tin box some matches which had escaped the searching qualities of the water, and a little fat bushel showed the pair the walls of the cavern.

Phillips saw his companion hold his light near the ground.

"What'd I tell you?" suddenly cried Zeke, looking up. "Look at this!"

Phillips stooped and uttered a sharp cry. The light of the matches shone upon the print of a shoe!

"You're a capital detective!" cried the merchant. "Why, you've found Patty!"

Zeke grew white.

"I've found nothing but that," he said, pointing to the foot-prints, and then he sprang erect and clutched Phillips's shoulder.

"By the eternal heavens! I want to know a thing or two," he went on, talking boisterously, like a man who has lost control of his better judgment. "You came down here to do one, if not two things. You came to eat Patty's Thanksgiving mince pies, sir!"

He seemed to choke.

"And what else Zeke?" asked Phillips, dissembling his fear—he had fear of the young giant before him.

"An—an' to make love to her!" blurted Zeke. "You know who did! They say you're after Molly. Old Pemberton wants you to take the gal, what knows the hateful names of the flowers, but I know what your eyes ar'. Don't I know what Patty said to me once?"

"What was that?"

"That you were one o' her best friends, an' she said it in a minute way—confound her!—that I caught at the tree meaning. She baked them pies for you, Mr. Phillips. I watched her through the kitchen window, and I saw her skullp them with her thumb—all because you were comin' down. Now Patty is somewhere in this place, an' by Jezus! you sha'n't look over her Thanksgiving pies into her eyes unless—"

Zeke's pororation was harshly interrupted by the sudden appearance of a ghostly figure from the gloom, and, at the touch of a hand, he staggered back with a wild cry.

"Thar's pluck in that young chap. Hikes the gal what jumped over his head like the cow jumped over the moon. That's what he does!"

Young Phillips said a few words in low tone to Miss Molly and her mother, emptied a cup of coffee and started for the creek again. As he crossed the bar-yard, which was the shortest cut, he encountered Zeke Zebulon, who evidently had been waiting for him. The country youth showed signs of his participation in the fruitless hunt for Pemberton's girl; but he greeted Phillips with a light "good morning," and was gone at his side.

"Goin' back to it, eh?" ejaculated Zeke.

"Yes. I don't see any reason for giving up."

"Nearly all 'em have gone home," he said. "I know it. Are you going to follow them?"

Young Zebulon drew back and looked half resentfully at Phillips.

"Me? Me—Zeke Zebulon—quit the hunt!" he exclaimed. "You'll find me there till this mystery is solved!"

Phillips put out his hand. It was soft, small, and in moment was lost in Zeke's giant palm. The two went across the fields together. More than once Phillips caught his companion eying him in a quizzical manner, but as often as caught Zeke would suddenly transfer his gaze to other objects.

"So they're goin' to have the turkey for all, or are they?" suddenly asked Zeke.

"I don't know."

"An' Patty's mince pies, too?"

The young merchant looked sharply at Zeke.

"Who says so?" he inquired.

"Old Pemberton. He don't know whether his gal's dead or alive, but she unsartainly ain't goin' to interfere with the Thanksgiving dinner they were gittin' up for you."

Phillips halted. They were in the heart of the wood, through which rustled the wild creek at its swiftest pace, and the noise of the foamy current filled their ears. The sunlight did not penetrate to that spot, and the trees stood so thick that one might easily conceal himself among them.

There seemed to be an insinuation not unmixed with sarcasm, in Zeke's last sentence; but it was not this that broke the merchant's tramp.

"They certainly won't do that," said he. "It wouldn't be right under the circumstances."

"Old Pemberton didn't stop to think. He's got a scheme in his head, and an eye to business. I wouldn't kee so darned much about the turkey, but there's the mince pies! Patty baked 'em, you can't stop the feast by goin' back; so come along!"

Phillips felt Zeke's grip on his arm, and in another moment he was dragged toward the stream. A change had suddenly come over the country youth. He now looked madly at Phillips, but the

Compulsory Vaccination.**How Cromwell Cleansed the African Slave.**

In view of the universal attention and alarm excited by the recent developments of bacteriology with regard to the vaccine, or bovine, origin of consumption and other infectious diseases, it should seem incredible that any enlightened physician or legislator would countenance even a continuance—much less a forcible extension—of the practice of vaccination, until a supply of biologically pure and tested virus can be secured, and all other absolutely suppressed. The evidences long since produced of the coincidence of vaccination with consumption, cancer and other scourges of the human race, are now supplemented with strong confirmation from science, which ought to divert the energies of sanitarians for the present from vaccination to isolation.

We give space very cordially to the leading points of a protest by E. F. Fuote, Jr., M. D., against the compulsory vaccination bill now before the New York Legislature.

1st point. It is the most sweeping arbitrary act of the kind ever produced anywhere. In the paternal governments of Europe, officials are not given carte blanche to compel citizens to submit to no end of repeated vaccinations at the discretion of Health Boards. No body of men without divine wisdom and judgment can be safely entrusted with such power.

2d point. The bill is so framed that a man with money enough could legally protect himself and family indefinitely against vaccination, while the poorer classes would have to submit or go to jail. A man could escape as easily as he could pay the fine of \$10 to \$25. This is not impartial justice. If we are to have a bill to compel vaccination, the vaccinating officer should be attended by a couple of policemen and every refractory citizen compelled to take the dose. That would be indiscriminate justice and the only way to compete.

3d point. The bill really paves the way for great opportunities for blackmail by deputy officials who would practically have the power to prosecute offenders or overlook them "for a consideration." Here would be a rich and rare chance to pluck the independent citizen who prefers to mind his own business, protect his own health and keep out of courts.

4th point. The bill makes no attempt to define vaccination, to say what constitutes a pure and true virus, but leaves all this to Health Boards, giving them the utmost facility to make up jobs for favored vaccine farms. It is a bill in every way beautifully adapted to foster pestilential and unscrupulous medico-political parasites.

5th point. There is no provision in the bill to guarantee subjects of compulsion against the serious accidents and disasters which vaccinators acknowledge are unavoidable and always possible sequence of vaccination. There is, in fact, no consensus of competent scientific authority to tell us what pure vaccine virus is, where to get it, how often to use it, or how even with the utmost care to insure against conveying syphilis, erysipelas, or other wise and probably fatal attendants of vaccination.

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The Mercury.

JOHN P. SANHOS, Editor and Proprietor

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1890.

The debate on the tariff bill began in the National House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Perhaps as Grover Cleveland has made up his mind that he cannot get the delegation from New York in the next Democratic National Convention he will move to Massachusetts and try his luck there. At any rate he has bought three lots of land in the town of Plymouth. He proposes to get as near Plymouth Rock as possible.

The Democrats in Congress are sadly deficient in leaders. In the Senate since the death of Senator Beck they have not a single man able to cope with Edmunds, Sherman, Hoar, Frye, Allison, Hale, Ingalls, Aldrich and many other bright men we might mention on the Republican side and in the house outside of ex-speaker Carlisle they have no leaders worth mentioning.

The Democratic party in Congress has met with a great loss in the death of Senator Beck of Kentucky. He was without doubt the coolest, most level-headed man in that party and upon him they depended for cool sagacious leadership.

Beck was a Scotsman by birth and possessed none of the fiery hot blood of the native born Southerner. It would be better for the minority in Congress if he had more like him.

J. Herbert Sheld is now the city engineer of Providence in place of Gray legislated on out of the General Assembly. It is claimed by those in position to know that the sole cause of defeat for the Republican ticket at the late election in that city, was the fact that the ticket was believed to be put up in the interest of the former engineer. It is to be hoped that this unseemly fight will not come up again to defeat the Republican candidates.

It is stated now on what purports to be good authority that that long talked of Republican paper in Providence will soon materialize. Ex-Gov. Wetmore is supposed to be behind the scheme, and it is understood that he has subscribed a large sum towards the capital stock. The paper it is said will start with a paid up capital of \$150,000. It is time that there was a Republican paper in that city, and a good one too, if that party ever expects to get back the political control of the state.

We understand that the leaders of the two parties in the incoming General Assembly have practically agreed to accept of the count of votes as made by the moderators, wardens and clerks at the late election, as the official count, and hence there will be no unnecessary delay in getting at the election of the State officers on election day. This is in accordance with the suggestion made in the Mercury some weeks ago and as it seems to us, the only sensible thing to do. This will enable the Democratic party to elect its State ticket on the first day, have the offices duly inaugurated and the inaugural parade in due and regular form. We understand that the party expects to have a big celebration on that occasion.

The Providence Journal since its pet of an engineer has been legislated out of office is in an unhappy frame of mind. This is the way it bursts forth:

The attitude of the citizens of Providence at the coming session of the General Assembly might be copied from that of the burghers of Ghent, who appeared before the Emperor Charles V., with halters around their necks begging that he would not entirely take away their chartered privileges.

The work of building the improved sewerage system of Providence has now been put entirely in the hands of its enemies.

Still the city of Providence manages to exist and probably will exist notwithstanding the Journal's sadness.

The need of a new City Hall for Newport grows more apparent every day. The present structure is entirely unfit for the purpose for which it is used. The committee of the City Council, to whom this matter was referred, we understand, are unanimous in favor of the Sheild property at the head of the Mall. Certainly no better location can be found than this. They also have a plan for a city hall which we believe is satisfactory to the committee. The entire cost of the building, including the site, the committee estimate at \$200,000. The matter ought to be fully laid before the people and the entire subject fully discussed and understood by them. There will probably be little doubt but that the people would look upon the project in a favorable light.

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A Reliable Concern.

We clip the following from the West, every journal all of which we are enabled to endorse from a personal acquaintance with the manager, Mr. Chamberlain, who is making a thorough canvass of Rhode Island in the interest of this company:

Of the many good and reliable Trust Companies of the present day, the Western Farm Mortgage Trust Company of Lawrence, Kansas, undoubtedly has the proud distinction of being classed as one of the oldest, most reliable and successful of any one of the leading companies. It is pre-eminently conservative, furnishing its investors with those securities only which will pay the largest rate of interest compatible with absolute safety. Its enormous paid up capital, with a surplus larger than the amount of stock of many younger companies, justly commands itself to the closest investigation of a discriminating public. The officers are composed of men of tried honesty and ability, giving their clients at all times the full benefit of their large and evidently successful career. We are pleased to note that Hon. Henry C. Chamberlin of our city, who is well known and conversant with this line of business, has become the authorized manager of this company for Rhode Island and eastern Connecticut.

A Remarkable Boat.

The Government's new torpedo boat, the Cushing, was given a trial trip down the Potomac Wednesday afternoon. Senator Hale and other members of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs were on board. Part of the time her speed was between 20 and 27 miles an hour, and she traveled with no more rocking than would be felt on a railway train. While going at 25 miles an hour, the engines were reversed and the boat backed at the rate of 18 miles an hour. She also turned in her own length. Senator Hale said: "She is a remarkable boat. You can't say anything too good for her."

Talk about the ingratitude of republicans when the survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade are either destitute or in the workhouse, and popular subscription in London has raised only \$100 in several weeks! Tennyson ought to write a supplement to his song of thirty-five years ago, showing what became of those who rode out of the valley of death and dedicate it to the grateful British Government and public.

When Senator Morrill of Vermont reached his 80th birthday recently, a number of Senate officials and employees presented to him a handsome pair of vases, accompanied by a memorial expressing the regard of the signers for the Senator. Wednesday night these gentlemen, about 30 in number, were entertained at dinner by the Senator, at his residence, and pleasant speeches were made in response to toasts.

Mr. James B. Brayton, of this city, has been at Nashville, Tenn., the past week, engaged as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Supreme Lodge K. of P., in making the annual examination of the bonds and papers of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals.

Hon. C. F. Clarkson, the father of Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, died in Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday. He was born in Maine in 1810 and removed to Iowa in 1855. He was elected to the State Senate in 1863, and has been connected with the news paper work ever since.

The result of the caucus in Providence on Thursday is not entirely satisfactory to the Democratic members of the General Assembly from Newport. In the distribution of the loaves and fishes they got nothing, not even a bone.

The Democrats expect to carry the next National House of Representatives, and already the candidates for the Speakership are looming up.

Messrs. Mills, Hoban, Springer and Crisp are "willing," with others to hear from.

The German Government expects to uncover a number of immense frauds in the Navy Department, extending over a series of years and involving officials and reputable merchants. Honesty of administration has been considered a leading feature of German government, but rumors of these peccadilloes have been current now for a long time.

The New York lobbyist who went to the Quebec Legislature with a \$10,000 sack and came away without either sack or concessions, thinks there is no honor left among thieves. His virtuous indignation at the members who accepted his bribe but did not pass his bills is as funny as Satan rebuking sin.

Gov. Joseph K. Toole of Montana was married yesterday morning in Washington to Miss Lily Rosecrans, daughter of Gen. William S. Rosecrans, Register of the Treasury. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. P. L. Chapelle, pastor of the St. Matthew's Church.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Sunday morning prayer meeting in Association Parlors 9:30 o'clock.—The Sunday evening service will be addressed by Mr. Donald Ross of this city. The Woman's Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting Monday evening, 12th, in Association Hall. A special literary programme will be presented.—An endeavor is being made by the membership committee to secure five hundred names upon the membership books before September 1st. Present membership 129.—A field for outdoor sports has not been secured yet, but it is hoped that in a few days a definite report will be made by the committee.—A supper will be given on next Thursday evening to members of the exhibition class by the Woman's Auxiliary. A hand-me-down was realized from the exhibition given last month.

Artillery Elections.

Following is the result of the 19th annual election of the Newport Artillery Company, together with the appointments subsequently made by Col. Horton:

Colonel—Jere W. Horton. Lieutenant Colonel—George A. Brown. Major—George C. Shaw. Captain—George A. Tracy. First Lieutenant—John C. Stowell. Quartermaster—Henry C. Stevens Jr. Paymaster—Edward T. Roach. Commissary—John H. Tracy. Surgeon—C. E. Barker. Asst. Surgeon—Charles M. Cole. Adj'tant—John D. Martin. Asst. Adj'tant—John M. Muller. Asst. Adj'tant—Herbert Bliss. 2d John D. Richardson. 3d Charles H. Bliss. 4. A. J. Dooley. 5. Edward W. Thompson.

6. George W. Thompson. Quartermaster Sergeant—Max Altenberger. Ordnance Sergeant—Thomas H. Lawton. Ensign Sergeant—Perry H. Bowley. Color Sergeant—Fred A. Allen. Right General Guide—Harry G. Wilkes. Left General Guide—Orlando G. Correll. Corporal—William D. Hayes. Mich. W. Wetherell. Frank H. Holt. William Rorden. Reston P. Manchester. Edward T. Cooper. William H. Cowell. Markers—Oscar E. Pendleton. Marshall—W. H. Rogers. Rogers—George J. Bowen. Frank P. Patterson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Craftsmen's Club. President—William J. Branting. Vice President—William W. Sampson, Jas. J. Constock. Secretary and Treasurer—George E. Vernon, Jr.

Aiting Committee—Thomas P. Peckham, Thomas Burttinham, William F. Spangler, St. Stephen's Gothic.

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Whole year 7 Cases of Death. 1. Bright's Disease 2. Bright's Disease 1. Gout 1. Gout 2. Ulcers 1. Ulcers 1. Phthisis 1. Phthisis 2. Marasmus 1. Marasmus 3. Scarlet Fever 1. Scarlet Fever 2. Stillborn 1. Stillborn

Older than 6 mos. 0 mos. 0 days, youngest 0 yrs. 9 mos. 25 days, average 13 months, 17 days.

E. C. Kauke. Ex-off. Board of Health.

The monthly report shows 26 persons died in Newport during April, 26 males and 17 females. Of these 9 were between the ages of 60 and 80 and one over 80 years.

Twelve of the 26 were natives of Newport and 6 were foreign born. But 3 contagious diseases were reported, 2 diphtheria and 1 measles.

An adjourned session of the March term of the Supreme Court was held at the State House this week. In the Block Island case of John P. Champlin vs. Thomas E. Tripler the jury awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$500. In the case of Simon E. Westall vs. Geo. L. Spencer, for slander, the defendant having no representation in the case, the jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$125. The case of Carterby-Longnecker and the Corbin-Hawley case were continued.

Alderman R. C. Cottrell, who has been housed for the past seven weeks with a rheumatic knee, has gone to Boston where he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Norwell, and where his many friends hope he may find a speedy recovery.

Mrs. F. G. Walters recently presented her husband, the genial hospital steward at Fort Adams, with a fine big boy, for which congratulations are in order. Mother and child are doing well. The youngster has been christened Horace.

Mrs. Thompson, wife of Rev. N. B. Thompson a former pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city, is visiting her father, Mr. Peter J. Lee, on Spring street.

Messrs. Whipple & Darby have rented for Mrs. Susan Gray, Executrix, the property on Bellevue Avenue, known as the Gray estate to Mr. H. E. Mondelsohn, of New York for the season.

Mr. Roland J. Easton has provided the plans and specifications for a handsome, commodious cottage to be erected on Cranston street by Sergeant A. C. Griffith of the police force.

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WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Bounty to American Ships—The Silver Bill—Death of Senator Beck—A Few Level Headed Democrats in the House—The Tariff Bill not to go into Effect till July 1st—Various Matters.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1890.

Senator Frye has reported from the Senate committee on Commerce two bills in which the President is known to be very interested; one of them provides for the payment of a bounty of 30 cents a ton for every thousand miles sailed by American built and owned vessels of more than 500 tons burthen, and the other provides for the formation of an American built and owned ocean service by authorizing the Postmaster General to make contracts for carrying ocean mails with four classes of vessels at from \$1 to \$4 a mile, according to class, for the outward voyage. Mr. Frye stated when making his report that in these bills became law he had reason to know that within three years a line of the best ships in the world would be put on between New York and Liverpool, and that another line would be running between New York and South America, in less than two years, and these would be but the beginning. These bills have been endorsed by boards of trade and chambers of commerce all over the country and also by the National Grange and the Farmer's Alliance, but that did not prevent the Democratic members of the Committee—Senators, Coke and Vest—stating that they did not agree to the report of the committee. The idea is too progressive for Democrats.

The idea of an argument between the Senate and House Republicans caucuses on a silver bill has practically been abandoned. The House will pass the bill agreed upon and the Senate will amend it and leave it to a conference committee to arrange a compromise.

The House committee which has been investigating the civil service commission devoted the greater part of Saturday to hearing arguments by both sides. A report is expected from the committee this week.

Senator Beck dropped dead of heart disease in the Pennsylvania railroad station here, Saturday afternoon, but a few feet from where President Garfield was shot in 1881. Mr. Beck had just returned with his daughter and his private Secretary from New York city. He was the ablest Democrat in the Senate, but for several years past he has not taken an active part in Congressional work on account of his health.

The House has defeated the international copyright bill, and poor people who occasionally buy cheap books have no reason to grieve about it.

The House has passed the diplomatic appropriation bill, also the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

The President has signed the bill providing a temporary government for the territory of Oklahoma.

Representative Henderson, of Iowa, has introduced a bill providing a penalty of \$5,000 and imprisonment for five years, or both for sending obscene literature through the mails.

Representative McCrory of Kentucky is one of the few level-headed democrats in the House. Saturday afternoon he made a strong speech in favor of reciprocity with the South and Central American republics and stated his belief that the recent Pan-American Congress would be recorded in history as a success, and that it would be remembered as the first step in the social and commercial union of the American republics.

The speech was frequently interrupted by the applause of the House.

Ex-President Cleaton's visit to Washington the latter part of last week has furnished the political gossip with something to talk about for sometime to come. He came ostensibly to attend to a case before the Supreme Court, but in the case in which he is counsel, was known to have been put off until the fall term of the court before he came. It is evident that that was not the real cause of his visit. He called at the White House and paid his respects to the President. He also did a good deal of talking around among the democratic politicians and that is probably the real reason for his coming here; he has entered against the field for the nomination in 1892.

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We give today the list of taxpayers of the city of Newport who are assessed on property valued at twenty thousand dollars and upwards. The rate of tax is fixed at \$1 on each \$100 of property, two cents more than last year's rate, and the following figures show the total valuation, real and personal, the amount of money to be raised by the tax and the increase in real and personal over last year's valuation:

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Tax, \$10 per \$100.

Gross Real Estate over 1880.

Gross Personal Property over 1880.

Total gain over 1880.

1880.

Royal Baking Powder

The United States Official Investigation

Of Baking Powders, recently made, under authority of Congress, by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., furnishes the highest authoritative information as to which powder is the best. The Official Report

Shows the ROYAL to be a cream of tartar baking powder, superior to all others in strength and leavening power.

Farm and Family

Drastic Sanitation in Oregon.

The recent experience of Mr. W. S. Ladd, a banker of Portland, Oregon, shows that ample provision has been made in that State for the suppression of tuberculous disease in herds and the protection of consumers of milk. Mr. Ladd had on his farm near East Portland, a herd of 150 Jersey cows, supposed to be worth \$35,000. For 27 of them he had paid \$12,000 in the East. He had nearly 100 milch cows. It was discovered in January that several of the cows had tuberculosis. An inspection was made by Dr. Withycombe, the State Veterinarian, and he reported the facts to the Domestic Animal Commission of the State, which consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the President of the State Agricultural Association. On the 23d ult., the instructions of the commission to Dr. Withycombe were published.

These were that all of Mr. Ladd's cattle that were affected with tuberculosis should be killed at once; that their carcasses should be buried or burned; that all cattle in the same herd that had been exposed should be isolated and kept in strict quarantine, and should be killed within six months. "It is further ordered," said the commission, "that the said owner be notified not to dispose of to other persons the milk or butter made from the milk of any said diseased or exposed cattle."

In obedience to these instructions thirty-four animals were killed. Only a few of these were diseased, but the authorities preferred to be on the safe side. It is not known, the Oregonian says, that the disease has appeared in any other herd in the State, and it is the purpose of the commission to remove all trace of it.—[The Sanitary Era.]

Duck Culture.

Raising ducks is so different from what is generally supposed, that few persons without knowledge, at least hearsay intelligence, succeed satisfactorily.

The reason generally is that they suppose a young duck cannot be injured by any amount of dampness. To the contrary, young ducks should be kept as dry as possible, until they feather on the breast. I think, as a rule, duck eggs will hardly prove as fertile as turkey, but will average up well with chickens. I hatched all my chicks with incubators. Test out all infertile eggs the fourth day. Duck's eggs are the most easily tested of any eggs I have had any experience with, the shell being so transparent that the embryo can be easily distinguished in the sunlight, on the fourth day, without the aid of a tester.

In some incubators, and by hatching with hens, I think it a good plan to spray the eggs every day, for five days, previous to the twenty-sixth day; and you may, with good success, assist all out of the shell that do not succeed in freeing themselves in 24 hours after the hatching; but never be in too great a hurry to do this, as they seldom get out of the shell in less than 24 hours after breaking it, and this is as it should be, as they absorb up the yolk of the egg after hatching. I remove to brooders as soon as dry, and feed in 12 hours after. My principal feed, and I think it is as good as there is, is stale bread, soaked in milk, with about one-fifth corn and oatmeal mixed in; this produces flesh, muscle and feathers. If I did not have the bread I would use wheat bran. Ducklings should have warmth for at least two weeks, and if very cold weather, I continue it a little longer.

Always have water convenient to their food, as they need it to wash it down, and never give it to them so they can get into it. I think there is no food so easily raised and so healthy, and at the same time so interesting, as the duck.—[The Rural Californian.]

Poultry Notes.

Feed the chicks often—five times a day—and only as much as they will eat up clean in five minutes. Clean out their troughs often. Nothing is so likely to bring disease among them as sour food and impure water.

It is said that a Leghorn hen weighing only three or four pounds will produce in a year twenty to twenty-five pounds of eggs, which are highly concentrated food as we all know. Is there any other farm stock half as productive in proportion to its weight?

Hens are a very common source of loss among small chickens. They will kill and carry off an incredible number in a short time if they get a chance at them, especially from brooder houses where there is no old hen on guard. The brooders should be made rat-proof and pains taken to rid the neighborhood of these pests.

A hen is indeed a small creature, a single one is somewhat insignificant. So is a grain of sand or a drop of water, but the sea is made of drops, and the land—much of it—of grains of sand, and the almost countless millions of hens in our country produce an amount of food by no means trifling. The profit at which it is produced depends upon the care and intelligence devoted to the hens.

The poultry man or woman should be an early riser. The hens are up before the sun and are always hungry when they leave the roost. If we would have them make the best of their time and fill the egg basket, they should not have to prowl around for an hour or two before being fed. It will not do to let the hens work on the eight hour per day system. The egg

Recipes for the Table.

CIRCLE CAKE—One egg, one cup sugar, two cups flour, one-third cup butter, one-half cup sweet milk, one teaspoon cream tartar, and one-half teaspoon soda; flavor with lemon.

RAISIN PIE—One lemon, juice and rind, one cup raisins, one cup water, one cup rolled crackers, stone the raisins and boil until soft, grate the lemon rind, mix well together and bake with two crusts.

PANNIKENS—Warm minced meat or poultry in a cream sauce, and pile in the centre of a platter. Break each egg in a hot buttered cup and bake until the egg is firm. Turn out and arrange around the meat.

BUCKWHEAT MUFFINS—Dissolve a teaspoonful of soda, not heating, in two cups or one pint of buttermilk; add a tablespoonful of molasses and a little salt, and stir in one cup of sifted flour and one and a half cups of buckwheat. Bake in gem pans or muffin rings.

CREAM OMELET—Three eggs slightly beaten, three tablespoons of milk or cream, salt and pepper to taste. Beat and butter a pan, and when almost brown pour in the eggs; lift from the centre occasionally until the whole is soft and creamy. Brown slightly and serve hot.

Children Cry for

Raised Doughnuts—Two cups soft milk, one teaspoon each seltzer and salt, four mixing spoons melted butter and four cups sifted flour; let it rise in a rather warm place for two hours. They taste like the old-fashioned pancakes, and are very nice with maple syrup.

SCALLOPED CLAMS—Chop clams very fine, season with pepper and salt, also a dash of curry powder if you like it. Have ready bread or cracker crumbs, moistened with a little milk. Put layers of these and clams in a deep buttered dish. Bake in a moderate oven for about one hour (covered the first half-hour.)

OLD-FASHIONED GINGERBREAD—One cup New Orleans molasses, three tablespoons melted butter, one teaspoon soda dissolved in five tablespoons hot water, ginger, salt and half a teaspoon powdered alum. Two and a half cups sifted flour. Pour into well buttered iron pans about half an inch thick and bake in a quick oven.

DRIED APPLE DUMPLINES—One pint dried apples, cut, one-half pint sweet milk, two teaspoons baking powder and one tablespoon butter or lard. Use flour sufficient to make into small biscuits, and drop into boiling water and boil quickly until the apples are done. Cut the apples into small bits with scissors and soak in warm water before making. Eat with cream sauce flavored with nutmeg.

PLAIN GRAHAM BREAD—Take two cups sponge, two tablespoons brown sugar, one tablespoon rye and graham flour to make it stiff dough. Mix together. Beat hard, and set to rise, proceeding as with white bread.

IMMEDIATELY before putting it into the oven, wash over the top of each loaf with water. Bake in a moderate oven about an hour. Make three loaves.

CODFISH BALLS—Prepare the fish as for boiling whole. When duly washed and soaked, cut into pieces and boil twenty minutes more; drain very dry, and spread upon a dish to cool. When cold, pick to pieces with a fork, removing every vestige of skin and bone, and shredding very fine; add an equal bulk of mashed potatoes, a beaten egg, a lump of butter, and a little rich milk; flour your hands, form the codfish into round, flat cakes, and fry in good drippings to a light brown. Baked codfish is equally good, more quickly prepared, and as cheap.

FRIED FISH—Scale, wash and draw your fish; cut off the heads and tails; make oblique incisions on both sides of the fish; sprinkle with flour and throw into boiling fat; when they are a good color take them out, drain them on brown paper, sprinkle them with a little fine salt, and serve on a napkin. Garnish your dish with fried parsley.

STEWED EELS—Skin and clean the eels, carefully extracting the fat from the inside; cut into lengths of an inch and a half, put into a sauceman with enough cold water to cover them, throw in a little salt and chopped parsley, stew slowly, carefully covered, for an hour; add, at the last, a large table-spoonful of butter, the same of brown flour mixed with cold water, a wine-glassful of sherry, and a quarter of a lemon cut into thinnest possible slices.

HOUSEHOLD Hints.

If a new broom be immersed in boiling water until it is quite cold, then thoroughly dried in the air, it will be far more pleasant to use and will last much longer. Frequent moistening of the broom is conducive to its usefulness, and also saves the carpet.

Watery solutions are difficult to mix with vaseline, but this difficulty can be overcome by means of a little castor oil.

For bread that has become chilled or is slow in rising, wring a towel out of water as hot as the hands can bear, and use it as a sub-cover to a dry, warm one, taking care to change it as often as it cools.

Old tablecloths and napkins make the very best glass cloths.

Put a teaspoonful of borax in your wash water; it will whiten the clothes, and also remove the yellow cast on garments that have been laid aside for two or three years.

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MIDDLETOWN.

Next Sunday at the Methodist church will be Young People's Day. There will be a service to young people in the afternoon and appropriate exercises under the auspices of the Epworth League in the evening.

The Ladies Social will have a strawberry and ice cream festival in the Methodist vestry, Wednesday evening next, May 14, or, if stormy, the next evening.

PORSCHEUT.

The barn on the farm occupied by Mr. Thos. J. Sweet was struck by lightning the early part of the week and set on fire, but Mr. Sweet being near extinguished it before much damage was done.

Mr. Abner S. Mifflin is confined to the house with inflammatory rheumatism.

TIVERTON.

The Town Council and Court of Probate met at the Town Hall on Monday, May 5. Present, Nathaniel B. Church, President; Samuel E. Bowler, David W. Simmons, Austin Walker.

Benjamin F. Willan, of Little Compton, appointed administrator with full annexes on the estate of Christopher Brownell; bond \$800. Sureties, William F. Wilbur, Henry F. Wilbur, and Sadie A. R. Wilbur, Appraisers, George W. Carr, James M. Simmons and Henry Palmer.

The will of Mary C. Brownell, proved, allowed and ordered recorded; bond \$800. Sureties, Philip J. Gray, Edwin A. Cornell, Appraisers, James M. Simmons, George W. Carr and Benjamin Wilbur.

Green Tripp selected by Daniel Donnelly, approved as assessor of John L. Manchester, the two to appoint a third person as their associate to act as a committee to examine the premises of said Donnelly and to report as to whether his fence is or is not on the line of his land, and as to what is necessary to be done to secure the premises of said Donnelly from damages resulting from the overflow of water from the street.

Job Worrell appointed auctioneer; John E. Manchester appointed fence viewer, and Holden Haworth appointed police constable. Peleg S. Stafford and John T. Cook appointed land surveyors. Lewis Eugene Peckham appointed agent to complain of violation of the liquor law in place of John E. Manchester, resigned.

Voted, that the report of the committee to audit the collector's books be rescinded.

Voted, that the clerk notify persons appointed as agents to complain of the violation of the liquor law of their appointments, and also to notify them of several complaints that have been made from the northern and eastern section of the town from such violations.

Consideration of the account of Am. M. Lake, referred to the first Monday in June.

The following names were drawn at juries at the Court of Common Pleas, to be held at Newport, on the 18th instant: Grand—Frank C. Gray, Henry F. Wilbur, post—Richard Negus, Sam'l W. Hathaway.

The following appropriations were made for the highways of the twelve districts: No. 1, \$175; No. 2, \$150; No. 3, \$175; No. 4, \$175; No. 5, \$175; No. 6, \$150; No. 7, \$175; No. 8, \$175; No. 9, \$175; No. 10, \$175; No. 11, \$175; No. 12, \$125.

Bills allowed and orders given: Anse. Walker, supplies to Mary F. Wilcox, \$3.67; William Hunt and Silas T. Borden, services as dog constables, \$5.57; Austin Walker, traveling expenses to Providence on behalf of Mary F. Wilcox, \$2; Thomas Walker, lighting street lamps, \$10; Patrick Timlin, services as police constable, \$2; Job Warrell, services as agent of the town farm, \$25; Humphrey homestead farm, potatoes for town farm, \$1.50; John Cranston, damages by dogs, \$1.50; John T. Cook, services as town clerk, \$13.25; Alonzo F. Hart, stone crusher work, \$6.48; Jonathan Hart, services as moderator for April 2 and 12, \$10; Samuel E. Fiske, printing treasurer's reports, \$20; Frank P. Sylvia, damages by dogs, \$10.60; Almy & Milne, printing lists of voters, \$10; Auditing committee, auditing collector's accounts, \$17; Ann M. Wiley, board of Lucy Darvee to May 8, \$22.

The report of the librarian of the Whipple Hall Free Library, for the month of April, is as follows: Biography, 1; history, 7; miscellaneous, 6; science and art, 2; travel and geography, 12; literature and language, 7; fiction, 16; total 20.

The librarian of the Union Free Library has the following report for the past month: History, 8; biography, 2; geography and travel, 3; science and art, 1; literature and language, 8; fiction, 16; total 37.

The Rhode Island Free Baptist Annual Association will be held this year at the Stone Church, Tiverton, lasting three days, commencing on Tuesday, May 29.

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WE ARE RECEIVING SPRING GOODS DAILY.

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